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SANDI RIZZO: My name is Sandi Rizzo,

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5 Whereas transportation of nuclear waste
6 traveling on our roads and highways destined to
7 earthquake-ridden Yucca Mountain is a form of domestic
8 terrorism when our own Department of Energy predicts
9 major nuclear accidents, and whereas the new larger truck
10 casks the Department of Energy proposes for transporting
11 nuclear waste holds more radioactivity than the Hiroshima
12 bomb, and whereas the waste from nuclear power plants are
13 used for future -- for further future weapons development
14 and the last two wars in the Gulf and Yugoslavia were
15 with nuclear weapons with the use of depleted uranium, I
16 decided to share the Mother's Day proclamation written by
17 Julia Howe in 1870, and she is going to read it to you.

18 CELIA HECHT: Julia Ward Howe was the mother
19 of the Girl Scouts.

20 "Arise now women of this day, arise all women
21 who have hearts. Whether your baptism be
22 that of water or tears, say firmly, we
23 will not have great questions decided by
24 irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall
25 not come to us wreaking with carnage for

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1 caresses and applause. Our sons shall
2 not be taken from us to unlearn all that
3 we have taught them of charity, mercy and
4 patience.
5 "We women of one country will be told too
6 tender of those of another to allow our
7 sons to be trained to injure theirs.
8 From the bosom of the devastated earth, a
9 voice goes up with our own. It says,
10 disarm, disarm. The sword of murder is
11 not the balance of justice. Blood does
12 not wipe out dishonor nor violence
13 indicate possession.
14 "As men have often forsaken the plow and
15 the anvil at the summons of war, let
16 women now leave all that may be left of
17 home for a great and earnest day of
18 counsel. Let them meet first as women to
19 bewail and commemorate the dead. Let
20 them solemnly take counsel with each
21 other as the means whereby the great
22 human family can live in peace and each

23 bearing after his own time the sacred

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24 impress, not of Caesar, but of God."